

PURELY PERSONAL.

General Lavin, who for so many years has acted as major domo at the official residence of Rt. Rev. Lawrence Scanlan, of this Catholic diocese, has, so we understand, received an invitation to attend a reunion, or gathering, of former soldiers which will be held some time during the latter portion of this month. General Stephen Lavin was commissioned a brigadier-general by Governor Eli Murray and is one of the old time heroes and soldiers of Utah. All his friends hope he can get away to this event.

Fred McGurkin, who has been in the east for some time, has returned and will soon leave for some promising prospects in Nevada.

A private letter from Rev. Peter A. Simpkin, who is resting with his family at Santa Monica, conveys the information that the parson is having a good time and will return much refreshed.

J. J. THOMAS APPOINTED.

The Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows announces the appointment of Grand Representative Thomas, of the jurisdiction of Utah, as chairman of the committee on appeals of the sovereign grand lodge. This position has been filled by Mr. Thomas for a term of years and his selection for the place again is pleasing to his many friends as showing the appreciation in which he is held by the officers of the supreme body of the order for all the world.

DISTINGUISHED MISSOURIANS.

Former Congressman Chas. F. Cochran, of St. Joseph, accompanied by Judge Brown, of the firm of Ramey & Brown, also of that city, have been in Salt Lake for a few days taking testimony in the matter of the estate of Calvin Burnes, deceased of St. Joseph, in which Mrs. D. R. Grey is interested. Judge King of this city is associated with Messrs. Cochran and Brown, while Judge Straup of St. Joseph looks after the interests of Mrs. Grey and her associates. The suit pending is an attempt to break the incorporation of the estate of the deceased into the Burnes company, headed by Lewis Burnes. Judge Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Grey and others have been examined since the hearing began and the testimony is very voluminous. Congressman Cochran is well known throughout Missouri as a newspaper man, having been at one time the editor of the Gazette, when that paper was owned by James N. Burnes and is a bright man. He was a conspicuous figure on the floor of the house when he was a member. The writer, who knew Cochran years ago, asked him why Missouri went Republican last time. "Mont" replied that "There were two Republicans running for president. Of two evils choose the least. Missouri made her choice."

NEGROES COMING TO UTAH.

W. S. Moore, of Hawthorn, Florida, has bought a farm on the Bear River canal and is negotiating for 160 acres more. He will divide the land into small plats and bring ten negro families here to live on them. The men will be employed in the beet fields and will be given land enough to maintain themselves. The sugar company gives one acre to each family on which to raise chickens and keep a cow. Five white families are also coming. If the experiment is successful several more negro families will be brought in.

PHONE AID TO MATRIMONY.

Girl with One in Her Home Always Popular with Young Men.

It is needless to say that the telephone is a great institution, says the Utica Press. It has long been an absolute essential in every place of business. Just now there is a great increase in the number of phones in private houses. It is possible to talk with pretty much everybody at his or her home. The companies are evidently endeavoring to boom that branch of their business, because they are advertising extensively. The other day a St. Louis paper had a big display ad at the top of which was a picture of an attractive young lady telephoning and represented as saying: "Is that you, Harry?" The text beneath it includes this statement: "It is a well-known fact that the girl who has a telephone is the girl who has the most friends and consequently has the best time."

This appeal to the young people is adroit and doubtless will serve to make the St. Louis exchange big, r and busier. The parents who have marriageable daughters will do well to consider this ingenious contrivance and modern aid to matrimony. It is something of a bother for a young man to call or even to write a note asking the young lady to go to the theater, go for a walk or drive or a ride to the park, but if he can transmit the message by telephone it is an easy way of making an appointment. Many a delicious message is telephoned these days and there is reason to believe the statement made by the St. Louis company. It applies, of course, with equal force in every American city. The young ladies for whom a life of single blessedness has no charms are not exactly buying a lottery when they hire a phone. They can get much pleasure and comfort out of it as they go along, for it is a constant contributor to convenience. It is worth the price, with the enhanced matrimonial possibility thrown in as an extra inducement.

A Wise Suggestion.

"Kiss and make up's" the suggestion; For the order this reason I make up; If the latter came first, why, the kissing Would probably spoil all the make-up! —Baltimore American.

THE VOICE OF AUTHORITY.

Chinese Imperial Edicts of Imperious Tone.

In the Pekin Times of April 12 appear the following imperial edicts: "We have received a memorial from A Cha-pen stating that Li Yu-yung, a Shantung merchant, wishes to establish a company for building the Pekin Kalgan railway for a share of the profits. The railway is an important government affair and having great consequence. The censor sending in such a memorial is very bold and evidently seeking gain. Let his name be handed to the board of punishment and the memorial cast back at him."

"On the 1st of the fourth moon is the beginning of summer, when the emperor will offer sacrifice at the ancestral temple, and high officials will officiate at the side temples; and on the 7th day the emperor will visit the temple of heaven and sacrifice there."

"The report of Chao Erh-chen and Tieh I-ang in regard to the fire at the eastern tombs is to the effect that it was due to heaven. There is no suspicion against anyone. Nevertheless, the officials in charge have been careless and some must be punished, while others must be dismissed."

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

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